

Atty. Docket No. KIL01 P-424

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Art Unit : 3763  
Examiner : Mark K. Han  
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Appln. No. : 10/069,688  
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For : MEDICAL DEVICE AND LOCKING MECHANISM THEREFOR

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action mailed September 7, 2004, and in view of a telephonic interview (October 12, 2004), Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the following amendment and remarks.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.

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